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February

The State of Texas }
County of Travis } Know all men by these presents, that we Hiram B. Morgan as principal and R. H. Gillespie and C. [illegible] Moore as sureties are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the State of Texas or his successors in Office in the [illegible] sum of [illegible] Thousand dollars for the payment of which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ourselves our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, jointly and severally firmly by these presents. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with our [illegible] and [illegible] this the [illegible] day of February A.D. 186[illegible]

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Hiram B. Morgan was on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the Office of Clerk of the Supreme Court of [illegible] [illegible] for the Branch at Austin Texas for the term of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] A.D. 1861. Now if the said Hiram B. Morgan shall [illegible] [illegible] the duties of his said Office and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] orders of the said [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] his successor in Office all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to his said Office [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in full force and effect [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] date above written

Hiram B. Morgan [Seal]
Signed R. H. Gillespie [Seal]
C. [illegible] Moore [Seal]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this
[illegible] February 1861
C. R. [illegible] Comptroller Pub. A.
[illegible] [illegible] Clerk [illegible] [illegible]

I Hiram B. Morgan do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Texas for the Branch at Austin Texas according to the best of my skill and ability agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas [illegible] to the Constitution and laws of the [illegible] States [illegible] the State of Texas shall remain a member of [illegible] [illegible] and I do further solemnly swear that since the [illegible] [illegible] A.D. 184[illegible] I being a citizen of this State have not fought a duel with deadly weapons within this State nor out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge or aided advised or assisted any person thus offending, so help me God. Hiram B. Morgan
Sworn to and subscribed before me this [illegible] day of February A.D. 1861.
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I [illegible] [illegible] Chief Clerk of [illegible] do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Bond and Oath of [illegible] Morgan is a true copy of the original now on file in this Department
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

February.

Chas Rossignol Bond

The State of Texas }
County of Galveston } Know all men by these presents, that we Charles Rossignol as principal, and Philip C. Tucker and [illegible] Johnson as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto [illegible] Murrah Governor of the State of Texas, and his successors in Office in the penal sum of Two thousand dollars for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made unto the said Governor and his successors in Office, we bind ourselves, our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, signed with our hands & sealed with our seals [illegible] for seals this the 16th day of January A.D. 1865 ——— The condition of the above obligation is such, that, whereas the above named Charles has [illegible] been appointed by the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, Clerk of the said Supreme Court for the District of Galveston. ——— Now if the said Charles Rossignol shall faithfully perform the duties of said Office, correctly record the judgments decrees, decisions, and orders of the said Court, and deliver over to his successor in Office, all records, minutes books and papers, and [illegible] belonging to his said Office, then, this obligation to be void and [illegible] otherwise to remain in full force and effect ———

Signed) ——— Chas Rossignol — Seal

Philip C. Tucker — Seal

[illegible] — Seal

The State of Texas }
County of Galveston } ——— Before me Oscar Farish Clerk of the County Court of Galveston County, appeared Charles Rossignol and Philip C. Tucker, to me known, and acknowledged the within Bond to be their respective act and deed for the consideration and purposes therein stated — And I further certify that the said Tucker is exclusive of that which is exempt by Law from forced sale, is the bona fide owner of real estate in value far exceeding the Amount named in the within Bond. ———

In witness whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said County Court, this the 16th day of January A.D. 1865. ———

——— Oscar Farish Clk.

Approved Feby 7th 1865

——— O. M. Roberts Chf Jus.

——— R. A. Reeves Associate Jus. S.C.

George F. Moore.

The State of Texas }
County of Galveston } ——— I, Charles Roſsignol do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, for the District of Galveston according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, and also to the Constitution and Laws of the Confederate States of America, so long as the State of Texas shall remain a member of that Confederacy; and I do further solemnly swear that since the

second day of March A.D. 1861, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons within this State nor out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. So help me God.

Chas: Rossignol.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me January 16th A.D. 1865.

In witness whereof, I, Oscar Farish Clerk of the County Court of Galveston County, hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court, at Galveston this day & year aforesaid

Teste. Oscar Farish Clk

The State of Texas }
County of Rusk }

Know all men by these presents, that we Thomas Smith as principal and M. S. Durham and William Bromley as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto Pendleton Murrah, as Governor of the State of Texas, and to his successors in Office in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs and assigns jointly and severally firmly by these presents

The conditions of this obligation are as follows: whereas on the day of November A.D. 1864, the said Thomas Smith, was appointed by the Honorable Supreme Court of Texas, Clerk of said Court for the Division of the same held at Tyler in the County of Smith in said State, Now if the said Thomas Smith shall faithfully perform the duties of said Office, and shall correctly record the judgements decrees, decisions and orders of the said Court, and deliver over to his successors in Office, all records, minutes, books and papers and whatever belongs to his said Office of Clerk; then this bond to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect. Witness our hands this 3rd day of December A.D. 1864.

Thomas Smith

(Signed) M. S. Durham

Wm Bromley

The State of Texas }
County of Rusk }

Before me the undersigned authority personally came, Thomas Smith, principal; and M S Durham and William Bromley securities in the foregoing Bond and acknowledged that they signed and executed the same for the consideration and purposes therein setforth and expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of Office in Henderson, this the 9th day of December A.D. 1864.

J. N. Still

C. C. C. Rusk Co.

Approved:

O. M. Roberts Chief Justice Sup. Co. Texas.

R. A. Reeves Associate Justice Sup. Co. Texas.

March.

I, Thomas Smith, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Texas for the Division thereof held at Tyler, in the County of Smith in said State, according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and also to the Constitution and laws of the Confederate States of America, so long as the State of Texas shall remain a member of that Confederacy. And I do further solemnly swear that since the second day of March A.D. 1861, I, being a citizen this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, within this State nor out of it; nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons; nor have I acted as Second in carrying a Challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. So help me God.

Thomas Smith

Sworn to before me, this 23rd day of Feby A.D. 1865.

F. H. Hill. C.C.C. Trust Co.

I, Periander Priestley Chief Clerk of the Department of State, do certify, that the foregoing Bonds and Oaths of Office of Chas. Rossignol and Thomas Smith respectively are true copies of the originals now on file in this Department.

Peri: Priestley
Chf Clk. State Dept

William W Johnson Pardon

The State of Texas.

Whereas, at the Fall Term A.D. 1864 of the District Court, in and for the County of McLennan, one William W. Johnson was convicted of the crime of murder in the Second degree and sentenced to the Penitentiary for the term of five years; and whereas, it has been shown to the Executive by memorials and written affidavits, signed and sworn to, by many citizens of McLennan and Anderson Counties, and by written statements of practicing physicians that a longer incarceration of the said Johnson will probably result in his death; and that no harm can result in this instance from the interposition of Executive clemency.

Now therefore, I, Pendleton Murrah Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the same, hereby grant this Pardon, releasing the said William W. Johnson from the aforesaid judgement, sentencing him to confinement in the Penitentiary, leaving the judgement as to costs however in full force and effect, as though this pardon had never been granted.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this the Tenth day of March A.D. 1865, and in the year of the Independence of Texas the Twenty Ninth.

By the Governor

Peri: Priestley
Chf. Clk & Actg. Secy of State

Jno. W.
Moore
Pardon

The State of Texas,

Whereas, it has been made known to me, that at the Fall Term A.D. 1864, of the District Court, held in and for the County of Trinity and State of Texas; John W. Moore was tried for "Harboring Deserters," of which charge the said Moore was found guilty and sentenced to the Penitentiary for the term of One year; and whereas, from affidavits made and sworn to by two of the jurors who convicted the said Moore, and from the statements of persons present upon the trial, serious doubts exist whether such conviction was proper and right; and from the petition of sundry citizens of said County of Trinity, sufficient cause appears to exist to justify the exercise of Executive clemency.

Now therefore, be it known, that I, Pendleton Murrah Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me, by the Constitution and Laws of the same, do hereby grant to the said John W. Moore a full free pardon for said offence and the Superintendent or other Officer having him in charge will release him forthwith. This pardon leaves the judgement as to costs however in full force and effect as though it had never been granted

In witness which, I hereunto sign my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this 17th day of March 1865, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Twenty ninth.

By the Governor
Per: Priestley
Chf Clk + Actg Secretary of State.

J. D.
Brower
App.

Executive Department
Austin, Texas, 1865 March 16th

Hon. R. J. Townes
Secy of State }

Sir:

I have this day re-appointed J. D. Brower, Branch Pilot of Pass Cavallo, in this State.

Let the requisite Commission issue

Respectfully

J. D.
Brower
Comm.

The State of Texas,

To all to whom these presents shall come

Greeting:

Know Ye, that I Pendleton Murrah, Governor of the State of Texas, reposing special trust and confidence in the Integrity, Diligence, Capacity and Patriotism of J. D.

Brower, do hereby appoint him the said J. D. Brower a Branch Pilot at the Port of Passo Cavallo in the State aforesaid. Giving and conferring upon him the said J. D. Brower full power and authority to exercise all the rights and imposing upon him, the Task of faithfully discharging all the duties appertaining to said Office. To have and to hold the same for and during the Term of Four Years from the date of this appointment, unless sooner removed by the Governor of the State of Texas, for the time being.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Austin, this 21st day of March A.D. 1865, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Thirtieth.

By the Governor

R. J. Townes
Secretary of State.

Peter Norris
Bond.

The State of Texas }
County of Galveston }
Know all men by these presents, that We Peter Norris as principal and L. M. Hitchcock and A. P. Lufkin as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto Pendleton Murrah Governor of the State of Texas and his successors in Office in the just and full sum of Five thousand dollars, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made unto the said Governor and his successors in Office, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Signed with our hands & sealed with our seals, the seals being scrolls, this the 17th day of February A.D. 1865.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas the above bound Peter Norris has been appointed by the Governor of the State of Texas, Wreck Master for the said County of Galveston; Now if the said Norris shall well, truly and faithfully discharge and perform all the duties appertaining and belonging to the said Office or appointment of Wreck Master of said County of Galveston aforesaid, then this obligation to be null and void, otherwise to be and remain in full force, virtue and effect.

Signed {
P. Norris [Seal]
L. M. Hitchcock [Seal]
A. P. Lufkin [Seal]

Approved;
R. H. Howard
Chief Justice of Galveston County

I, Peri Priestley Chief Clerk of the State Department do certify the above bond is a true copy of the original now on file in this Office.

Peri Priestley
Chf. Clk. State Dept.

March.

John Morgan Pardon

The State of Texas

Whereas, it has been made known to me, that at the Fall Term A. D. 1864, of the District Court, held in and for the County of Orange, and State of Texas; John Morgan was tried for the Theft of a Beef of which Charge the said Morgan was found guilty and sentenced to the Penitentiary for the term of Two years; And whereas in view of the advanced age of the said Morgan, and from a memorial signed by many of the most respectable citizens of Orange County, it is believed that no harm can result from the interposition of Executive Clemency in this instance.

Now therefore be it known, that I, Pendleton Murrah Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me, by the Constitution and Laws of the same, do hereby grant unto the said John Morgan a full free pardon for said offence, and the Superintendent or other officer having him in charge, will release him forthwith. This pardon, leaves the judgement as to costs however in full force and effect as though it had never been granted.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause the Great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this the 23^d day of March A. D. 1865, and in the year of the Independence of Texas the Thirtieth

By the Governor

R. J. Towns
Secretary of State

A. Jacobs [illegible]

The State of Texas

Whereas, at the Fall Term A.D. 1864, of the District Court held in and for the County of Harris and State of Texas A. Jacobs was charged with violating the Gaming Laws of said State by exhibiting a "Faro Bank," to which charge the said Jacobs plead "Guilty," and was fined by the jury in the sum of One thousand Dollars and all costs; And whereas, it has been represented to me by petition from said Jacobs, that he is a poor man and unable to pay said fine so assessed against him in Case No. 4149 – The State of Texas, vs. A. Jacobs; And from the certificate of several most respectable and intelligent citizens of said County accompanying said petition it is believed that the ends of justice will not be defeated in this instance by the interposition of Executive Clemency.

Now therefore, I Pendleton Murrah Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws thereof, do hereby remit the said Judgement of One thousand dollars so recovered against said defendant, in said Case No. 4149, leaving the judgement as to costs however, as though this remission had never been granted.

In testimony whereof

I have hereunto signed my name
and caused the Great Seal of the
State to be affixed. Done at the City
of Austin this the 2nd day of March
A.D. 1865 and in the year of the
Independence of Texas the Thirtieth.

By the Governor
Geo: [illegible]
Chf Clk & Actg Secretary of State

A. Jacobs
[illegible]

The State of Texas

Whereas at the Fall Term A.D. 1864 of the District Court held in and for the County of Navarro and State of Texas A. Jacobs [illegible] at the Fall Term [illegible] State [illegible] Navarro [illegible] the said [illegible] the sum of One Hundred [illegible] and all costs [illegible] it has been represented to me by petition [illegible] that he is a poor man and unable to pay said fine [illegible] case No 1150 The State of Texas vs A. Jacobs [illegible] certificate of [illegible] and [illegible] citizens [illegible] accompanying said petition it is believed that the ends of justice will not be defeated [illegible] of Executive clemency.

Now therefore I, [illegible] of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws thereof do hereby remit the said judgment of One Hundred dollars [illegible] against the [illegible] in said case No 1150 [illegible] the judgment as to costs however [illegible] has been granted.—

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the 2nd day of March A.D. 1865 and in the year of the Independence of Texas the Thirtieth.

By the Governor.
Geo: Brightley
Chf Clk & Actg Secretary of State.

[illegible]
[illegible]

The State of Texas,
To all to whom these presents shall come. Greeting
Know Ye, That I, Pendleton Mur-

rah, Governor of the State of Texas, reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Integrity, diligence, capacity and patriotism of Samuel C. Lyons do hereby appoint him the said Samuel C. Lyons a Branch Pilot at the mouth of the Brazos River in the State aforesaid.

Giving and conferring upon him the said Samuel C. Lyons full power and authority to execute all the rights and imposing upon him, the task of faithfully discharging all the duties appertaining to said Office.

To have and to hold the same for and during the term of Four Years from the date of this appointment, unless sooner removed by the Governor of the State of Texas for the time being.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 31st. day of March A D 1865, and in the year of the Independence of the State of Texas, the Thirtieth

By the Governor

R J Townes
Secretary of State

Wm. [illegible]
[illegible]
Appt.

Know all to whom these presents may come that William L. Sloan of the County of Harrison and State of Texas is hereby appointed Agent of the State of Texas for the purpose of superintending the purchase and exportation by Sea and overland to Mexico, of Cotton and other products of the Country, and selling the same in a foreign market, and purchasing and introducing the articles necessary for the supply and defence of the State, under general instructions received by him: and he is authorized and empowered to take all measures necessary to carry into effect the object of the appointment.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin the Sixth (6th) day of February A.D. 1865. and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Thirtieth.

By the Governor

R J Townes
Secretary of State.

Helmers, Theo.
Branch Pilot

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas.

To all to whom these presents shall come. Greeting:

Know Ye, That I Pendleton Murrah Governor of the State of Texas, Reposing special trust and full confidence in the Honor and Patriotism, Fidelity and capacity of Theodore Helmers, have constituted and appointed, and do, by these presents constitute and appoint him the said Theodore Helmers to the office of Branch Pilot for the Port of Galveston, in said State of Texas.

Giving and hereby granting to him the said Theodore Helmers, full power and authority as such, to exercise and discharge all and singular the duties, rights, obligations and trusts under the Constitution and Laws, to his said Office incident or appertaining. To have and to hold the same with all and every the immunities and honors, perquisites and emoluments thereunto belonging for, and until the full end and term of his said appointment.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the Eighth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and Sixty five, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the Thirtieth.

By the Governor.

Peni: Priestley
Chf. Clk & Actg Secretary of State.

Webb, T. A.
Passport

The State of Texas.
Executive Department.

Whereas, it is represented to me that T. A. Webb is exempt from military duty, by reason of bad health, and he having expressed a desire to visit Mexico.

Now therefore, I Pendleton Murrah Governor of the State of Texas, do grant this open letter to the said Webb, requesting the Military and civil authorities, State and Confederate to permit the said Webb to pass into Mexico, if his conduct is that of a good citizen. And I respectfully solicit of the authorities of the Empire of Mexico, such protection as it may be in their power to afford the said Webb, while within the domain of the Empire.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this 19th day of April A.D. 1865, and in the Year of the Independence of Texas the thirtieth.

By the Governor.

Peni: Priestley
Chf. Clk: & Actg. Secy of State.

Passport

The State of Texas

Executive Department
Austin, April 27th 1865

Whereas, Doctor George W. Taylor a respectable and well known citizen of this State, have made known to me, that he is desirous of visiting the Empire of Mexico for the purpose of recruiting his health.

Now therefore, I Pendleton Murrah Governor of the State of Texas, do issue this my open letter, most respectfully requesting the authorities, both civil and military, and the people of the Empire of Mexico to respect, protect and assist the above named citizen of Texas whilst remaining within the limits of said Empire.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at Austin, the day and year above written; and in the Thirtieth year of Texan Independence.

By the Governor
Geo. Priestley
Chf. Clk. and Actg Secretary of State

Address

Executive Department
Austin, Texas, March 30th 1865

To the County Courts:

The importance of introducing into the Counties, and putting into operation, machinery for the manufacture of articles necessary to the clothing of the people, and the Army in the field is a subject urgently demanding our most serious attention, and the exercise of our fullest energies. Experience has shown that a large proportion of the clothing for the use of the Texas Soldiery has been furnished at the hands of the industrious and patriotic women of our State. With a full knowledge of this condition of things, I have never ceased, since being in Office, to urge forward and protect, to the extent of my ability every enterprise calculated to increase the production of home industry, and to render the labor engaged therein more productive. This can be most effectively done — in reference to the manufacture of clothing — by the introduction and distribution through the State, of wool and cotton carding-machines.

The manufacture of clothing by the preparation of the raw material by hand by carding, is necessarily slow, tedious, and involves the employment of much more labor than would be necessary in the use of the machinery proposed. With such machinery accessable to all the people of the State, how much more self-reliant, and independent we shall be, than remaining, as in a great measure, we now are, dependent upon an uncertain, tardy, and insufficient supply of goods from abroad.

I respectfully call upon you

in Virginia! Our chosen Chieftain, Robert E. Lee, victorious on so many glorious fields, is a prisoner of War, and a portion of his army has surrendered!

These unforeseen calamities impose additional responsibilities on the State of Texas. My object now is briefly to point you to the path of duty—to exhort you by all the considerations which make life desirable, or existence tolerable, to pursue that path without faltering or flinching.

Your faith, your honor, and your manhood are pledged to your brethren east of the Miſsiſsippi; for four years they have fought your battles, and stood a wall of fire, between you and the invader. Their cause is your cause—their fate is inseparably yours. They look now with eager eyes and anxious hearts to the people and armies of this Department, for rescue and deliverance. They will not—they must not look in vain.

With God's bleſsing, it may yet be the proud privilege of Texas, the youngest of the Confederate Sisters, to redeem the cause of the Confederacy from its present perils.

In extent and resources, Texas constitutes an Empire in herself. Favored of nature, she is inaccessible to her enemies; her soil is unsullied by the tread of an invading army—her great resources, prudently husbanded, and wisely applied, are equal to any emergency.

Accepting in their full significance, the facts of our situation, there is no reason for yielding, even to a momentary panic, still leſs for giving way to unmanly despair.

Be firm and true to yourselves—above all things, be united; drive with scorn and contempt from your midst, the brawling demagogue, who would array one claſs of the Community against another. He is your worst enemy who would sow dissensions and division among you.

Recall the convictions upon which you entered this contest—fight for them and die for them. When a nation forgets the principles which led her into revolution, she ceases to be the same nation.

Turn your gaze once more on the Constitution of your Country—State and Confederate, and the laws made in pursuance thereof. Enforce obedience to the laws of the land, so that private property may be respected—good order preserved, and threatening anarchy averted.

The army should be recruited by every man capable of bearing arms whose services can be spared from manufacturing and agricultural employments.

The labor necessary to clothe and feed the army and the Country—our soldiers—their wives and children—should be set apart, and sacredly devoted to that purpose.

Let every man resolve to do his whole duty; and renewing his vows of fidelity to the cause of his

Country, he will draw fresh inspiration from the urgency of the occasion. I tell you frankly, that every man has a personal and individual interest in this struggle. Be not cajoled or deceived by the enemy, by false hopes and fair promises. Look at the broken and desolate tract of the invaders through Georgia and South Carolina and see the fate that awaits you — cities sacked and in ruins, the country swept by the besom of destruction — thriving villages and once happy homes, reduced to ashes — their helpless women stripped of their property — turned adrift to beg or starve; the [illegible] and outrages too often attended with such brutality as the tongue cannot [illegible] nor the pen record. ——————

—————— You cannot look for relief to emancipation, nor to those other wicked and wretched dreams — reconstruction, or a foreign protectorate. ——————

—————— The enemy will seek to distract and divide you with [illegible] all [illegible] are unworthy of your confidence. Under God we must rely upon our valor for deliverance. ——————

—————— "Who would be free ——————

—————— Themselves must strike the blow!" ——————

—————— Rally around the battle scarred and well known flag of the Confederacy and uphold your State Government, its [illegible] the legitimate [illegible] the only hope of safety for you and yours. ——————

—————— Like the Spaniard, the fleet which invited retreat, has been burned. ——————

—————— Like the heroes of San Jacinto the axe has been laid to the bridge. ——————

—————— Texas, so far as depends upon me, shall play a glorious part in this memorable struggle. Whilst she reserves the right to protect her own dignity and assert her own authority, she shall place her resources without stint or limit, in the cause. My whole energies shall be devoted to the increased development of those resources and to render them available for our defence. ——————

—————— There are critical conjunctures in the history of all great Nations, when the people must rise into heroism, or sink into servile insignificance and national degradation. Such a crisis is now upon us. — With this issue presented, involving all other issues, can there be a citizen of Texas in whose bosom there burns a spark of the spirit of manhood, who will hesitate for an instant? ——————

—————— "Resistance to Tyrants is obedience to God!" ——————

—————— Bow, then, with humility to the Ruler on high, and strike to the Tyrant's heart. ——————

—————— I conjure you, my countrymen, by all the proud memories of the Past — by the unforgotten glories of San Jacinto and the Alamo — by the fresh laurels your valor has plucked from bloody fields, stretching from the Potomac to the Rio Grande — by your love for your wives and little ones, your mothers and your sisters — by all your future hopes and your faith in Heaven to stand fast and firm by your Colors and your Country. ——

—— They lie, who say our cause is hopeless. Unless all history is false, and its philosophy fabulous, we cannot be conquered if we remain united and true to ourselves. —— For,

—— "Freedom's battle once begun, ——
—— Bequeathed from bleeding sire to son, ——
—— Though baffled oft, is ever won!" ——

—— I again urge the importance of our people remaining a unit – without this, we can neither make successful war, nor honorable peace. ——

—— I have attempted to point out the path in which duty and patriotism would lead us – rugged and thorny though it be, I shall follow it with you fearlessly to the end.

—— I believe, with God's blessing, we are able to defend our State and to render glorious service to the Confederacy. Such service as history will gladly record for the encouragement of the friends of freedom and humanity, in all time to come ——

—— Department of State ——
—— Austin, April 29th 1865 –

Cert. Appt.

Mr. Elbridge Perry ——

—— Sir ——

—— You are hereby appointed Assistant Clerk in this Department. —— You will take the requisite oath of Office, and enter upon your duties forthwith. ——

—— Respectfully ——

Secretary of State

Oath of Office.

—— I, Elbridge Perry, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an assistant Clerk in the Secretary of States office, according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and also to the Constitution and laws of the Confederate States of America, so long as the State of Texas shall remain a member of that Confederacy; And I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that since the Second day of March A.D. 1861, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, within this State nor out of it; nor have I sent or accepted a Challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons; nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. So help me God.

—— Elbridge Perry

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L. S. — Sworn to and subscribed before me at my office in Austin this 2d day of May A. D. 1863
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Not. [illegible] Co.

Sixth Cong'l Dist. Election Roll.

Election Returns For Congress C. S. A. Sixth Congressional District 13th March 1863

Counties	[illegible]	M. L. Ba[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Wright	[illegible]	[illegible] Littleton	[illegible]	Jno. G. [illegible]	J. W. Throckmorton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bowie	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0
Cass	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Marion	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Red River	65	0	0	0		11	1		0	0	0
Titus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lamar	124	0	3	0		0	0		0	0	0
Hopkins	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Fannin	69	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hunt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Collin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grayson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Cooke	[illegible]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denton	14	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montague	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wise	54	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jack	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Young	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Throckmorton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haskell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hardeman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilbarger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wichita	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	416	1	3	1	1	14	1	1	0	0	0

Secretary of State.

Department of State
Austin May 1st. 1865

To
Hon. P. Murrah
Governor

Sir.

In compliance with the 2d. Section of the act of the Legislature Approved April 8th A. D. 1861, supplemental to the act Approved April 6th A. D. 1861, providing for and regulating the election of the Members of Congress of the Confederate States; I most respectfully report, that the election for a member of Congress from Representative District No. 6, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Simpson, H. Morgan, held on the 13th day of March A.D. 1865, resulted in the election of N. W. Townes, he having received the highest number of votes polled for said Office.

Respectfully

Secretary of State.

Order of [illegible]

Executive Department
Austin, May 1st. 1865.

Hon. R. J. Townes
Secretary of State

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report of the 1st. inst: giving the result of an election for a Representative in Congress from Representative District No. 6, held March 13th 1865.

In accordance therefore with the supplemental Act of the Legislature "Approved April 8th 1861" I hereby direct, that a certificate of Election be issued to Nathaniel W. Townes as Representative in Congress from District No. 6 of this State

Very Respectfully

Townes
N. W.
Cert. of
Election

The State of Texas
Executive Department

I Pendleton Murrah Governor of the State of Texas, do certify that from an examination of the returns made according to Law to the Secretary of State, of the votes given for a Representative in the Congress of the Confederate States of America, for Representative District No. 6 of the State of Texas, at an election held on the 13th day of March A. D. 1865: in the several Counties of said District, it appears that Nathaniel W. Townes received the highest number of votes given for said Office; and I hereby declare, that the said Nathaniel W. Townes has been duly elected to said Office.

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In testimony whereof I have here unto signed [illegible] and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin this the [illegible] day of April 1865: and of the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] —

By the Governor —

Secretary of State —

Townes R. J. Resignation

Department of State
Austin, May 2d 1865.

To
Hon P. Murrah
Governor
Sir
I hereby resign the position of Secretary of State of the State of Texas to take effect immediately.
I am
very respectfully

Pryor, Chs. R. appointment of

Executive Department
Austin, Texas, 1865, May 2d

Peri: Priestley
Chief Clerk, State Dept.
Sir.
I have this day appointed Dr. Chs. R. Pryor of Dallas County, Texas, Secretary of State, vice Hon. R. J. Townes, resigned.
You will issue the requisite commission immediately.
Very respectfully

Oath of Office

I Charles R. Pryor do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as Secretary of State of the State of Texas, according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and also to the Constitution and laws of the Confederate States of America, so long as the State of Texas shall remain a member of that Confederacy. And I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that since the 2d day of March A.D. 1861 I being a citizen of this State have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, within this

State nor out of it; nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons; nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised, or assisted any person thus offending. So help me God.

(Signed) Chas. R. Pryor

Sworn to & subscribed before me at my Office in Austin, this 3rd. day of May A.D. 1865.

Sam. T. Scott
Not. Pub. Travis Co.

Priestley P.
Appt. as
Chf Clk

Department of State
Austin, May 5th 1865

Mr. Peri Priestley

Sir:

Your former appointment by the Hon. R. J. Towns Secretary of State of the State of Texas, on the 17th day of January 1865, as temporary Chief Clerk of this Department is hereby made permanent.

You will therefore continue to discharge the duties of that position accordingly.

Respectfully

Secretary of State

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The State of Texas

Executive Department

Whereas, Capt John S. Williams has for some time past, been engaged as agent of the State of Texas, and is now closing up the business of his said agency, the accomplishment of which requires his presence in different portions of the State.

Now therefore, I, Pendleton Murrah, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby request all authorities civil and military, both State and Confederate, to leave the said Williams unmolested in his travels and to give him every facility in carrying out the object of his mission.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this the 8th day of May A.D. 1865, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the thirtieth.

By the Governor

Secty. of State.

Johnson, M. T. Appt. as Agent.

Executive Department
May 11th. 1865

Col. M. T. Johnson
Sir:

You are hereby appointed, Sub-Agent for the State of Texas to purchase and export Cotton on her account, and you are fully clothed with all the power necessary to do so and you are also fully clothed as said Sub-Agent with the power and authority to procure or impress all the transportation necessary to convey said Cotton to Mexico and such points of sale as may be designated.

Your action as said Agent will be reported to W. L. Sloan, the principal agent of the State for the purposes designated and you will obey such instructions as may be given to you by him in relation to the objects of your Agency.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin the day and date above written.

By the Governor

Secretary of State.

Crosby, J. T. Appt as Agent

Note. A Commission of same tenor and date was issued to Col. J. T. Crosby.

Perry E. resignation of

Austin May 20th 1865

Hon. Chas. R. Pryor
Secretary of State
Sir:

My business at home requiring my attention, I hereby respectfully tender my resignation as Assistant Clerk in the State Department to take effect on the 31st inst.

Respectfully
E. Perry

Pryor, Chas. R. Resignation of

Austin June 8th

Gov. P. Murrah
Sir:

I send in my unconditional resignation as Secretary of State, believing that a new order of things will soon be inaugurated, & a new Governor appointed by order of the President of the United States. I am Sir, most respectfully, Yours &c.

(Signed) Chas. R. Pryor.

The State of Texas

Whereas at the Spring Term A. D. 1865 of the District Court in & for the County of Travis & State of Texas One F. W. Chandler was adjudged to pay a Bail Bond of One hundred dollars entered into by him for the appearance of One W. P. de Normandie at the Spring term A. D. 1861, of said District Court, Cause No. 1441, The State of Texas vs. W. P. de Normandie; and whereas the said Chandler proposed to discharge said judgement by paying the costs in Specie, and the amount of said judgement final in Confederate States Treasury Notes or in the Treasury Warrants of the State of Texas, and that said tender was refused by said Court.

Now therefore, I, Pendleton Murrah Governor of the State of Texas, do by virtue of the authority in me vested, by the Constitution and Laws of the same, hereby remit the said Judgement of One hundred dollars against the aforesaid F. W. Chandler; leaving the judgement as to costs however in full force and effect; as though this remission had never been granted.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed Done at the City of Austin this 10th day of June 1865, and in the year of the independence of Texas, the thirtieth.

By the Governor

Peri Priestley
Chf. Clk. & Actg Secy of State.

Note: A Remission of the same tenor and date was issued in Cause No. 1442 The State of Texas vs W. P. de Normandie.

The State of Texas

Whereas it has been made known to me, that at the Spring term A. D. 1865 of the District Court held in and for the County of Galveston and State of Texas; Francis P. Shaw was charged with and tried for the crime of "Receiving Stolen goods," of which charge the said Francis P. Shaw was found guilty and sentenced to confinement in the State Penitentiary for the term of two years; and whereas from a statement of the facts contained in a memorial signed by many of the most respectable citizens of said County of Galveston, it is believed that no harm can result from the interposition of Executive Clemency in this instance.

Now therefore, I, Pendleton Murrah Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the same, do granted unto the said Francis P. Shaw a full pardon for said offence, and the Superintendent or other Officers in [illegible] [illegible] charge, will release him forthwith. This pardon [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to costs however in full force and effect as though it had never been granted.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and have caused the Great Seal of State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this the 12th day of June 1865, and in the year of the independence of Texas the Thirtieth.

By the Governor

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Ch. Clerk to Secy of State.

[illegible]

The State of Texas

Whereas at the [illegible] term 1865 of the District Court [illegible] [illegible] County and State of Texas [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Richardson and Adam Thurman [illegible] to pay a Judgment of One thousand dollars [illegible] for the appearance of said Elisha Richardson, at the [illegible] term AD 1864 of said District Court [illegible] No. 2849, The State of Texas vs. Elisha Richardson [illegible] [illegible] satisfactory reasons [illegible] that [illegible] can result from the interposition of Executive Clemency in this instance.

Now therefore I, Pendleton Murrah, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the Constitution and Laws of the same, do hereby remit the said judgment of One thousand dollars against the said Elisha Richardson and Adam Thurman, leaving [illegible] the [illegible] liable to costs however in full force and effect as though this remission had never been granted.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and have caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done at the City of Austin, this 12th day of June 1865, and in the Year of the independence of Texas the Thirtieth.

By the Governor

Rich. Priestly

Ch. Clerk to Secy of State.

Executive Chamber
Austin June 10th 1865.

Know all men, that I, Pendleton Murrah Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me; do by these presents order and direct the release from confinement in the State Penitentiary at Huntsville, of James Stephenson; convicted and sentenced for homicide at the Spring term 1860 in the District Court of Refugio County, Texas, and the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary is ordered to release from confinement and discharge from his custody said Stephenson on the receipt of this discharge.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand at Austin City on the day and year aforesaid and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed.

(Signed) P. Murrah
Gov. State of Texas.

Peri: Priestley
Chf. Clk. & Acting Secy of State.

State of Texas

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

No.

I, the undersigned, Governor of the State of Texas, hereby request all whom it may concern, to permit safely and freely to pass:

Brig: General Robert Bechem,

a citizen of the State of Texas, and in case of need to give him all lawful aid and protection

Given under my hand, causing the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, this the First day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand, eight hundred & Sixty five, and in the year of the Independence of Texas, the thirtieth.

(Signed) P. Murrah
Gov. State of Texas.

Peri: Priestley
Chf. Clerk & Actg. Secy. of State.

Description: Age, 47; Stature, 5 feet 7 inch Engl; Forehead, high; Eyes, blue; Nose, Sharp; mouth, small, a scar on the left corner; Chin bearded; Hair brown mixed with gray; Complexion, fair; Face, oval. Destination: Europe — Signature of the bearer. —